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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Security Requirements for Government Employment

**REFERENCE: Memo dtd 20 Dec 55 for the NSC Planning Board
from the Executive Secretary, NSC - Subject as Above**

1. The report of 19 December 1955 on the subject has been reviewed and it is noted two proposals are advanced: 1) the establishment of the Personnel Security Advisory Committee on a formal basis and 2) the defining of the terms of responsibility of the Committee.

2. Concerning the formalization of the Committee, this Office concurs with the views of the Department of Justice Representative on the Planning Board as set forth on pages 4 and 5. As Justice points out, it is difficult to see what would be gained by having this Committee placed in the Executive Office of the President unless it is given powers and responsibilities which it does not now possess. If the Committee is not given official powers but continues to act in an informal capacity, then its location within the Government would not be of any particular concern to CIA.

3. If, however, the Committee were given formal authority, it would then be of direct concern to the Agency with respect to the protection of intelligence sources and methods. It will be noted from pages 5 and 6 of the report that the Civil Service Commission would expect this Committee to carry out responsibilities concerning policy coordination; the methods, procedures and day to day operation of Security Officers; to act in an advisory function to deal with cases crossing departmental or Agency lines; to provide a single focusing point for Congressional inquiries; and to insure the maximum amount of consistency in the application of the security program among agencies. Unless an exemption from these authorities is obtained for CIA, it is considered that sensitive sources of investigative and intelligence information, identities of covert personnel, Agency organization and activities, and sensitive operational

information would have to be divulged. In this connection, it is pertinent to note that Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (P.L. 110 - 81st Congress) provides that CIA shall be exempted from the provisions of any law which requires the publication or disclosure of CIA organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency.

4. It is understood that the General Counsel will submit his comments separately with regard to this Planning Board paper.

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Deputy Director of Security

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General Counsel